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has passed away and this resolution will be a great source of comfort to them. As a mark of respect to his memory, I would request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a few **seconds.**"

The resolution was passed *nem. con.* all the Members of the Council standing.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Number of posts of Assistant and Deputy Superintendents of Police filled up during the period 1948–53.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI K. N. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how many posts of Assistant Superintendents and Deputy Superintendents of Police have been filled up every year from 1948–49 to 1952–53 and how many of these by direct recruitment?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House."

Retrenchment and abolition of posts in the services of this State consequent on the formation of the Andhra State.

* 68 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of posts of (i) Officers (Gazetted) and (ii) subordinate officials permanently retrenched or proposed to be retrenched after 1st October 1953 consequent on the formation of the Andhra State; and

(*b*) the number of (i) temporary officers and (ii) temporary subordinate officials who were discharged from service in all the departments in this State consequent on the separation of Andhra State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Eighty-eight posts of Gazetted Officers and 1,402 posts of Non-gazetted Officers including 225 Last Grade Government Servants have been permanently retrenched after 1st October 1953 consequent on the formation of the Andhra State.

" (*b*) Six temporary officers and 784 temporary subordinate officials have been discharged from service in the various departments in this State consequent on the separation of the Andhra State."

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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the redistribution of the total establishment of the composite State had been effected in the ratio prescribed for the allocation of assets and liabilities between the dividing States? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think it is exactly in any proportion like that."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Are there any Andhras still left over in our establishments, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps there may be a few Andhras still left over."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal, Sir, to send them to the Andhra State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have been examining cases individually on their own merits."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there any proposal to appoint a Retrenchment Committee for effecting reduction of establishments in the various departments in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, there is no such proposal now."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Are the Government going to simplify the departmental rules and thus cut out the excessive expenditure on the establishments and higher intermediary posts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have been examining all such proposals and are taking necessary action."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Are there any Tamil officers serving in the Andhra State and is there any proposal on the part of the Andhra Government to send them away? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Some Tamil officers are there by way of transfer."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMY :—" ஆந்திராவுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கும் தமிழ் அதிகாரிகள் திரும்பவும் இங்கே வரவேண்டுமென்று விரும்பினால் அவர்களை உடனே இங்கே அழைக்க, தக்க நடவடிக்கையை இந்தச் சர்க்கார் எடுக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, individual cases are being examined on their own merits."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is there a surplus staff, Sir, in our State on account of the partition? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I do not think there is any surplus staff now. I have already answered that certain officers have been retrenched."

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that some of the Tamilian officers allotted to the Andhra State have been informed that there is no place for them there and have been asked to go to the Madras State? What has happened to such category of officers, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Raids by French Indian Police and goondas into the territory of Madras State.

* 69 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any reports of raids by French Indian Police and goondas into the territory of Madras State recently; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) Government have received reports of three raids by French Indian Police and goondas into this State territory recently. The circumstances of each incident are given below :—

(1) On 23rd March 1954, a posse of French Indian Police trespassed into the Indian Union limits in Kattupalayam borders in Cuddalore taluk and kidnapped one Nandagopal, Mayor of French Mudaliarpet.

(2) On 12th April 1954, a group of French Indian rowdies trespassed into the jack fruit and cashewnut gardens belonging to a pro-mergerite and removed the jack fruits and cashewnuts. When the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kottakuppam, proceeded to the spot to investigate into the case, a crowd of about 400 rowdies resorted to stone-throwing and dragged some of the pro-mergerites in the Indian Union limits with a view to kidnap them. The French Police, which was within the Indian territory at once opened fire to help the goondas. Three pro-mergerites sustained gunshot wounds. The Sub-Inspector of Police, Kottakuppam, thereupon ordered his S.A.P. men to return fire upon the French personnel. At this, the French Military Police retreated to their territory.

(3) On 1st May 1954, when an M.S.P. lorry was returning from Kodukur to Pudukuppam near the French-Chettipet road, the Naick driver noticed a palmyra trunk laid across the road to obstruct his passage. When he was clearing the obstruction with the help of a Police Constable who was with him, the villagers numbering about 300 began to throw stones on the lorry and the policemen. The vehicle received a number of dents and the Police Constable who was with the driver, sustained an injury. After warning,